

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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RELATED TO ITEM #S-2 (KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER ACTIVITY REPORT)

For over a year, King/Drew Medical Center's physician administrators (Dr. T. H. Miller, former Chairman of Radiology; Dr. Payne, current Chairman of Radiology; and Dr. Roger Peek, Chief Medical Officer) approved more than \$1.3 million in invoices for the services of a single contracted radiologist (Dr. Harold Tate of Reliable Health Care Services). These County physicians believed that the radiologist's services and payments were appropriate, and therefore did not bring this matter to the attention of the Board of Supervisors. This kind of irrational, incompetent behavior will continue to cost the taxpayers millions of dollars until such County employees are held accountable.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the:

1. Director of Health Services to take the necessary disciplinary action for those clinical administrators involved in the case of the radiologist;

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Yaroslavsky	_____
Knabe	_____
Antonovich	_____
Molina	_____

2. Auditor-Controller in collaboration with the Director of Health Services to review the utilization of all physician services contracts to ensure that there is appropriate oversight by clinical administration; and
3. County Counsel to review existing physician services contracts and develop contract language, where appropriate, to prevent the kind of inappropriate payments which was made in the case of the radiologist.

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